(a) whether there is any proposal to connect the telephone exchange of Maheswaram Mandal headquarters in Ranga Reddi district Andhra Pradesh with Hyderabad exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Maheswaram is a 50 line MAX-III in the Ibrahimpatnam unit zone. As per the policy of the department, Ibrahimpatnam which is unit Zone centre is to be connected to Hyderabad by Trunks, which has been done. Interdialling between Maheswaram & other MAX-III exchanges is available. Trunk facility from Maheswaram to Hyderabad and other exchanges is available through Shamshabad Trunk exchange.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of a PCO at Maredpalli

3. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a PCO at Maredpalli in Secunderabad Distt. of Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Eleven PCOs are already working at Maredpalli in Secunderabad District.

(b) The details of PCOs are as under :

Guaranteed PCOs	7
Departmental	3
Physically Handicaped	1
TOTAL .	11

(c) Does not arise.

New pension scheme for the widows of ex-servicemen

4. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced a new pension scheme for the widows of ex-servicemen ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) from which date the said scheme would come into effect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Purchases made by Homoeopathic Pharmacopoea Laboratory, Ghaziabad

5. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of equipment including, the value etc., purchased by the Homeopathic Pharmacopoea Laboratory, Ghaziabad during the last three years, year-wise ; and

(b) whether audit of these purchases has been carried out ; if

so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The information is given as under : —

Year	Equipment Purchased	Value (Rs.)
		. 4,784.0ft
1987-88	Nil	Nil
1988-89	Nil	Nil

(b) Annual audit of the Labora-jory has been conducted for these years with no adverse reports of financial irregularities.

Approval of new homoeopathic patent and propriety combinations

6. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new homoeopathic patent and propriety combinations of homoeopathic medicines are required to be approved as new homoeopathic medicines; and

(b) if so, the specific rules under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules which are required to be complied with for getting such approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) As per rule 30 AA of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, permission in writing of the Licensing Authority is required for importing new Homoeopathic Medicines. Explanation to rule 30 AA gives the definition of the new homoeopathic medicines (copy attached—statement *{See* b low)

Statement

The Drugs and Cosmetic Rules

30AA Import of New Homoeopathic medicines :—

(1) No new Homoeopathic medicine shall be imported except under and in accordance with the permission in writing of the Licensing Authority.

(2) The importer of a New Homoeopathic medicine when applying for permission shall produce before the Licensing Authority such documentary and other evidence as may be required by the Licensing Authority for assessing the therapeutic efficacy of the medicine including the minimum provings carried out with it.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this rule, 'New Homoeopathic medicine' means:

(i) a Homoeopathic medicine which is not specified in the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoea of India or the United States of America or the United Kingdom or the German Homoeopathic Pharmacopoea; or